

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air the pseudo-documentary 'Stolen Honor' days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Because Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge the company is obligated by law to serve the public interest. In this case they have been more than open about their political bias. This is a frightening trend that the FCC, as an agency of the American government, must stop. The FCC is charged with the responsibility of protecting fairness in the American media because it is an important source of information that directly influences our democracy. Allowing this obvious violation of both FCC and FEC rules endangers everything that makes America free.

We must strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, in order to protect ourselves. This potential abuse again shows us all why the license renewal process must be detailed and demanding. Thank you.